

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 888**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 3, 1945 (SAKA)

BUDGET FOR BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the budget allocation the budget for border infrastructure has been reduced over 5 percent against the revised budget estimates of 2022-23 from 3739 crores to 3545 crores;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on border protection and internal security; and**
- (c) the action proposed by the Government to fill up vacancies of present 23 percent in SSB, 7 percent in ITBP, 12 percent in BSF and 14 percent in Assam Rifles?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK)**

(a) & (b): Actual expenditure on Border Infrastructure work during the FY 2022-23 was Rs. 3373.71 crore. The Budget Estimate (BE) allocation during FY 2023-24 for Border Infrastructure Works is Rs. 3,464.42 crore. Budget Estimate during a financial year is generally based on the expenditure incurred during the earlier years. The allocation of funds depends upon the requirement of infrastructure at the borders, the pace of works and various other factors. Additional funds are allocated at the Revised Estimate stage based on the requirement over and above the Budget Estimate.

(c): Recruitment is an ongoing process and as and when vacancies are likely to arise, requisite measures as per provisions of the Recruitment Rules are taken up to fill up the same in mission mode based on the requirement of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR). The Government has launched a drive for recruitment in the CAPFs & AR in the country under Mission Recruitment. Under the Mission Recruitment, 36,521 personnel have been recruited in the past 9 months. Currently, recruitment process for 79,960 vacancies of various posts in CAPFs & AR is underway at various stages. The Government of India has taken various steps to fill up these vacancies expeditiously viz. yearly recruitment for posts of constables, nominating nodal officers in forces for coordinating recruitment, issuing directions to CAPFs & AR to undertake recruitment activities, conducting timely Departmental Promotion Committee meeting, for filling up promotional vacancies, reducing time taken for medical examination and lowering cut off marks for short-listing Constables / General Duty (GD) candidates.
